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METHOD AND APPARATUS AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE ADAPTED

FOR AUTOMATIC DRILL BIT SELECTION BASED ON EARTH PROPERTIES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the first examination, Applicants request that the above-referenced application be amended as shown below:

In the Title

Please amend the title as follows:

METHOD AND APPARATUS AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE ADAPTED FOR AUTOMATIC DRILL BIT SELECTION BASED ON EARTH PROPERTIES AND WELLBORE GEOMETRY